

Letter from Secretary Seward Endorsing the Philadelphia Convention.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON, July 11.

SIR; Excuse me for expressing surprise that you ask me whether I approve of the call of a proposed Union National Convention at Philadelphia. After more than five years of dislocation by civil war, I regard a restoration of the unity of the country its most immediate as well as its most vital interest. That restoration will be complete when loyal men are admitted as representatives of the loyal people of the eleven States so long unrepresented in Congress. Nothing but this can complete it. Nothing more remains to be done, and nothing more is necessary. Every day's delay is attended by multiplying and increasing inconveniences, embarrassments, and dangers, at home and abroad. Congress possesses the power exclusively. Congress, after a session of seven months, still omits to exercise that power. What can be done to induce Congress to act? This is the question of the day. Whatever is done must be done in accordance with the Constitution and laws. It is in perfect accordance with the Constitution and laws that the people of the United States shall assemble by delegates in Convention, and that when so assembled they shall address Congress by respectful petition and remonstrance; and that the people in their several States, Districts and Territories shall approve, sanction, and unite in such respectful representations to Congress.

No one party could do this effectually, or even seems willing to do it alone. No local or popular organization could do it effectually. It is the interest of all parties alike, of all the States, and of all sections—a national interest—the interest of the whole people; The Convention, indeed, may not succeed in inducing Congress to act; but if they fail the attempt can make matters no worse. It will be a lawful and patriotic attempt made in the right direction—an effort to be remembered with pride and satisfaction whether it succeed or fail. The original Union of the States was brought about by movements of the same character.

The citizen who objects to the Convention is bound to propose a better plan of proceeding to effect the desired end. No other plan is offered, or even thought of. Those who should oppose it seem to me to manifest at best unconcern, if not opposition, to all reconstruction, reorganization, and reconciliation between the alienated masses of the American people.

To admit that the convention will fail, would be to admit that the people of the United States are deficient in either wisdom or the virtue necessary to continue the existence of the republic. I believe no such thing. A great political writer says that government is a secular religion, and that the people of every country are divided into two classes, each maintaining a distinct political faith. The one class always fearing the very worst that can possibly happen, and the other hopes, that under every circumstance, the very best that can in any event happen. Without accepting this theory as absolutely true, I think that all men do generally act from a motive to guard against public danger, or else from a positive desire to do good. Both classes may, therefore favor the present attempt to restore the unity of the nation.

I am, sir, your obedient servant, WILLIAM H. SEWARD. Hon J. R. DOOLITTLE, Chairman Executive Committee, &c.

Odors of Disease.

The odor of small pox has been compared to the smell of a he-goat; that of measles to a fresh plucked, goose; scarlatina to cheese. The smell of plague has been compared with the odor of May flowers, and that of typhus with a cossack. That the typhus odor resembles ammonia has often been observed, and the best and most recent investigators agree that it is a compound of ammonia. Probably the more intense the smell the more operative the poison; hence the necessity on the part of the attendant to avoid inhaling this concentrated poison.

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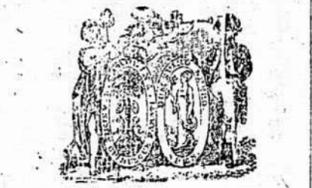
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PROCLAMATION



By His Excellency JAMES L. ORR, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the State of South Carolina.

WHEREAS, MAJ. GEN. SICKLES, commanding Department of the Carolinas, on the 26th instant, by Special Order No. 19, has directed that white persons in Military custody, charged with felonies or misdemeanors on the persons and property of colored persons, should be turned over to the civil authorities for trial, and that like cases arising hereafter will be disposed of in the same manner:

And whereas, this Order—so gratifying to the feelings and sentiment of the people of this State—is based upon the legal opinion of Chief Justice Dunkin, given upon the urgent request of this Department, and communicated to Gen. Sickles: 1st. That persons of color, under the 29th and 30th sections of the "Act to organize District Courts," are competent witnesses in the Court of Sessions in all cases of felony committed by whites on the person or property of a person of color. 2d. That they are competent to make affidavits and sue out warrants against whites in felonies and misdemeanors, and also to testify before Grand Juries in such cases, as well as on the trial before the Petit Jury. And 3d. That until the District Judges are commissioned, the Court of General Sessions retains jurisdiction of cases of misdemeanor committed by whites on the person or property of colored persons, Chief Justice Dunkin says: "The Court of General Sessions had always cognizance of offenses committed by white persons against the person or property of a person of color." In the case of State vs. Hill, 2d Spear, 150, which was an indictment against a white person for assault and battery on a free person of color, it was not only so ruled, but recognized as well settled law for more than half a century. The District Courts of December, 1865, not having been put in operation, I suppose the general jurisdiction of the Court of Sessions remain; and I understand that such has been the ruling of the Circuit Judges in reference to cases of bastardy and vagrancy which have come before them.

The 30th section, Act 1865, provides "that in every case, civil and criminal, in which a person of color is a party, or which affects the person or property of a person of color, persons of color shall be competent witnesses." It is a remedial Statute and must be construed in reference to its object. My opinion is, that persons of color are competent to testify before Grand Juries and Magistrates in criminal cases touching the person or property of persons of color. And whereas, the security of the liberty of the citizens arising from his right to be tried by a jury of the peers, can only be retained, in the present anomalous condition of the country, by the civil officers of the State executing the principles contained in the opinion of the justly distinguished Chief Justice, in good faith and with an earnest desire to give security and protection to the persons and property of the colored population.

And to the end that this high privilege may be retained by the good people of the State, I, James L. Orr, Governor of the said State, do proclaim and declare, that it is the duty of every Civil Magistrate to give careful consideration to every complaint made to him by a person of color against a white man for any felony or misdemeanor alleged to have been committed against the person or property of a person of color; and if he, upon such consideration, concludes that there are reasonable grounds for such complaint, said Magistrate shall take the affidavit of such person of color, and issue his warrant against the offender, requiring his arrest and recognition to appear at the next term of the Court of General Sessions, just as he would do if the party making the complaint were a white man; and he will also recognize all witnesses by whom the complainant may desire to prove the charge, as is now provided by law, for securing the attendance of State witnesses. All Sheriffs and Constables will promptly, faithfully and fearlessly execute all such warrants as may be placed in their hands.

And I call upon all good citizens to aid in the fair and faithful execution of the laws of this State, as expounded by the Chief Justice; and very soon the earnest wish expressed by the commanding General in Orders No. 19, (published herewith for the information of the people) "that it will not be long before it may be truly said, that no offense against the peace, and no injury to the person or property, of even the humblest inhabitant may be committed with impunity in the State of South Carolina," will be happily realized.

Given under my hand and the great seal of the State, at the City of Columbia, the 30th day of June, 1866, and in the nineteenth year of the Independence of the United States of America. JAMES L. ORR, Governor. Wm. R. HERR, Secretary of State.

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF THE CAROLINAS, COLUMBIA, S. C., June 26, 1866.

[Special Orders No. 19.]

1. All white persons in Military custody in the State of South Carolina, charged with felonies or misdemeanors, will be turned over to the civil authorities of the United States, or of the State, for trial, according to the nature and character of the offence charged, and of the jurisdiction of the Court having legal cognizance of the offence.

II. Where white persons and persons of color are charged as principals, accessories or accomplices, in any offence, the accused will be retained in custody, and the case, with the evidence, reported to these Headquarters for instructions.

III. Post Commanders making arrests of civilians for offences other than those triable by Provost Courts, will examine the complainant and his witnesses under oath, together with any witnesses proffered by the accused; such testimony, with the statement of the accused, if he desires to be heard, shall be reduced to writing and forwarded to the Headquarters of the Military Commandant of the State, with a report of the action of the Post Commander and his remarks upon the case.

IV. The refusal or neglect of any civil officer to perform an official act, properly required of him by an aggrieved party seeking redress in the civil tribunals, whereby a failure of justice ensues in the prosecution of the class of offenders committed to the civil jurisdiction by this order, will be promptly reported by any officer cognizant to the same.

V. In publishing the subjoined correspondence for the information and guidance of all concerned, the Major-General commanding desires to impress the troops with the sentiments of respect and deference for the civil authority that influenced his own action in co-operation with the Executive of the State, so that tranquility may be secured by the means and agencies most congenial to the people. To this end, he solicits the aid of all good citizens in repressing conduct tending to disturb public order; and he trusts that it will not be long before it may be truly said that no offence against the peace, and no injury to the person or property of even the humblest inhabitant, may be committed with impunity in the State of South Carolina.

By command of Maj. Gen. D. E. SICKLES. O. H. HARR, Brevet Brig. Gen. and A. A. G. July 19—1t.

PROSPECTUS OF THE SUMMER NEWS.

I, the undersigned, propose to issue at Sumter, S. C., on or about the first of June, 1866, a weekly paper, to be entitled

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